

party religious leaders or the U.N. However, the United States does not have the credibility to broker such a process. It is time for the United States to get out of the way and become part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

It is time for United States to bring American troops home from Iraq.

RECOGNIZING TYLER MCLAIN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler McLain of Pleasant Valley, MO. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler McLain for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AMY SULLIVAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to join family, friends, and colleagues in paying tribute to an extraordinary woman and my good friend, Amy Sullivan, who lost her long battle with cancer earlier this month. Amy was a very special part of so many lives and was taken from us all too soon.

Graduating with a degree in English Literature and Theater Arts from Upsala College followed by a 2 year acting program at the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theater, Amy began her career as a performer. She went on to become a program director for the American Theater Wing and a special assistant to Broadway producers Robert Whitehead and Elliot Martin. After she completed her master's degree in Arts Administration from the Yale School of Drama, Amy worked in a variety of positions—always working to promote and further the arts in Connecticut. She lectured at the Yale Drama School, served as a panelist for the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, and was an active member and Trustee of several Connecticut arts organizations including the Florence Griswold Museum and Young Audiences of Connecticut. It is no wonder why she has been recognized by the State of Connecticut as well as on this very floor for her outstanding and invaluable contributions to the arts and arts education.

Named Executive Director of the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut in September of 2003, it was Amy's passion for the arts and commitment to education that allowed the O'Neill to return to its original splendor. Named in honor of America's sole Nobel Prize winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill, the O'Neill is a non-profit organization that is home to six distinct programs: the O'Neill Playwrights Conference, Music Theater Conference, Puppetry Conference, National Theater Institute, Critics Institute, and the Monte Cristo Cottage, O'Neill's childhood home located in neighboring New London. At The O'Neill, writers and directors, puppeteers and singers, students and audiences alike take their first steps in exploring, revising and understanding their work and the potential of the theater they help create. The O'Neill has established a distinguished reputation as the pre-eminent developmental laboratory for new works and new artists. Sharing the vision of founder George C. White, Amy's determination and leadership led to the creation of a new development conference for Cabaret and Performance, the initiation of an accredited National Theater Institute summer learning program, as well as the renovation and re-opening of the Monte Cristo Cottage. All of this accomplished in just 3 short years.

In January of this year, Amy stepped down from her position at the O'Neill and just a few short months later, Connecticut's arts family lost one of its strongest and most beloved advocates. I was fortunate to have known Amy on a more personal level. I first met Amy when she worked with my mother, Luisa, at the St. Francis Home for Children in New Haven and, most recently, it was Amy who presented me with a very special award honoring Connecticut's "uncommon women." Advocate, mentor, friend, mother, and wife, Amy was an extraordinary woman whose passion, commitment, and dedication touched the lives of many.

She will not only be missed by those who knew her but by all of those, present and future, in the arts community she so loved. I extend my heart-felt sympathies to her husband, Bruce, her son, Dan, family, friends, and colleagues as they mourn the loss of Amy Sullivan and remember all that she gave to our community.

HONORING KEVIN MILLS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Mills, a Naval Petty Officer from Citrus County, FL, currently stationed in Norfolk, VA. His parents, Barbara and Jerry, reside in Inverness, FL.

A graduate of Citrus High School, Kevin enlisted in the Army in October 2000. After attending basic training in Great Lake, IL, Christopher was assigned to Basic Electronics Technical Corps at Naval Training Command in Illinois. Following his graduation, Kevin accepted his duty command on the USS *Shreveport* in Norfolk, VA.

During his 7 years of service, Kevin has taken part in Operation Enduring Freedom off

the coast of Afghanistan, conducted Maritime Interception Operations off the coast of Africa, and in 2007 was deployed to COB Speicher, Iraq, in support of the Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Units.

Kevin has served many hours in humanitarian aid and several Navy Public relations projects. He has represented the Navy and Marine Corp color guard at New York's Annual Fleet Week celebration and Boston's Bunker Hill Day, as well as at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree held at Fort A.P. Hill. Kevin and the USS *Shreveport* also brought humanitarian aid to hurricane Katrina victims and help established the Joint Task Force Katrina's TOC.

Kevin's awards throughout his Naval career include two Army Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, two Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, a Navy Expert Rifle Medal, Navy Expert Pistol Medal, as well as being qualified as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

Madam Speaker, it is soldiers like Kevin Mills who volunteer to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear to their hearts. While brave men and women like Kevin serve in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends, and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church, on the occasion of their 90th anniversary, and to celebrate their contributions to the Cleveland community.

Since its founding, Sts. Peter and Paul Church has been a cornerstone of the Cleveland community, faithful to the Biblical imperative of concern for neighbor. Despite all the changes that our community has endured, Sts. Peter and Paul Church has been a lynchpin of the community, strengthening the fibers that have made Cleveland one of the most culturally diverse cities in the Nation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. May their faithful stewardship and service to the community endure for another 90 years.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER BLANCHARD OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor SFC